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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 22ND, 1908.

AN apt illustration of the difficulty, or rather impossibility, of making a hard and fast constitution which would last through all time, and need no amendment, was afforded in the written Constitution of the Great Republic. There was nothing in the instrument on which its authors prided themselves so much as on the provisions made for the quadrennial election of their President, without on each occasion plunging the country into what, to many minds, seemed to be the throes of a semi-revolution. In order to avoid this danger, which in the eyes of the founders seemed large, it was determined that the election of the Chief Magistrate should be taken altogether out of the hands of the commonalty, and placed in those of a witenagemot denominated the "Electoral College." These wise men, who were, it was presumed, to be above all mere party consideration, and intent only on making choice of the ideally best individual for the weighty post of Chief of the new nation, were to meet at a stated period, and then and there after due discussion elect the President. Each member was to write the name of his choice, on a slip of paper, which he was to seal up; and these votes were to be transmitted to the president of the Senate, who was to open them in the presence of both Houses; and the individual with most votes was to be elected President. The device spoke more for the heart than for the head of the constitution makers, who, thoroughly honest themselves, believed that future politicians would have

thoughts beyond the good of the country. The natural result, allowing for the instinctive weakness of ordinary humanity, followed; the witenagemot, when put to the test of their very first election proved to be merely a congregation of delegates wherein each elector was pledged to support a particular candidate for the Presidential chair. Logically some method was needed for fixing on the name, or names, of candidate likely to be acceptable, and for this unexpected necessity no provision had been made, so the practice grew up that each party that though itself strong enough, or had money enough to bear the expense, elected a party Convention, and at this convention the party after much discussion, often heated, finally selected the individual to be put forward as its candidate, for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency respectively. This was done before the election of the Electoral College, which soon came, contrary to the desire of the original framers, to be selected by the people at large, so that the struggle became purely a test of the strength of the parties, each elector being pledged to vote for the candidate previously selected by his party. Now, with the hope of object of giving the College ample time for deliberation, its own election had been fixed some five months in advance of the expiry of the presidential term then current; it was also hoped that the election of the President taking place regularly a month or two in advance of the vacation of the Chair, the incoming and outgoing Presidents would be enabled to confer together regarding the needs of the country; and a continuity of effort and policy from one tenure to another be thus ensured. Naturally, as human nature is constituted, this hope also was shattered. Nothing was less likely in fact than that the nominee of his party come straight from the poll should desire to consult his already effete predecessor, especially if the party had changed, or the "ticket" had been altered.

The consequence accordingly is that there exists a sort of irregularity between the election of the new, and the retirement of the old, during which the country is ruled personally by the President actually in office who occupies the anomalous position of a constitutional ruler of being absolutely without responsibility. It is quite true that his powers are limited by the letter of the Constitution; he cannot declare war, and the Senate will not let him conclude peace, but he can place things in such a position, that one or other may have become a practical necessity by the time he vacates the White House. One of the results of this curious position is that the outgoing President has an opportunity, which he not unfrequently takes, of paying off old scores against the Senate or House, whichever may have become obnoxious. Even so capable and congenial a President as Mr. ROOSEVELT has proved himself to be, has found it convenient to take advantage of the opening. With the natural instinct of a born administrator, Mr. ROOSEVELT during his term of office has been seeking to increase the efficiency of the means in his hand for the prevention of crime; and Congress, with an equally instinctive dread of anything savouring of secrecy or concealment, has been thwarting his efforts at every turn, the subject is always a delicate one, and engaged as he was in the struggle against the too powerful trusts, who have been seriously obstructing a return to better things in the government of the States, Mr. ROOSEVELT found it was wiser for the time being to preserve silence. Having now arrived at the irresponsible period of his tenure of office, when all things are lawful to a departing President, Mr. ROOSEVELT has spoken out. Soft words, says the proverb, butter no parsnips, but on the other hand trenchant words often cut deeply; so Mr. ROOSEVELT has not minced his language. Speaking of the obstructions placed in the way of his proposed strengthening of the confidential detective police at the service of the State he tells Congress plainly that the motive in their objection was not their dislike to a secret police, but the dread that too bright a light might be turned on their own questionable, if not criminal, connection with the trusts. The reception that this statement met with is an indication of what would have occurred while Mr. ROOSEVELT had the rod of responsibility impending over him. Disguise it how you may, the best Americans are well aware in their inmost thoughts of the enormous damage that the misuse of accumulated wealth is inflicting, socially and politically, on their country, but few are in a position, and fewer still care to speak out through fear of the unpleasant consequences sure to follow. It is under these conditions that Mr. ROOSEVELT, having left the dread

forward, and doubtless his country, if for the moment inclined to job, will in the long run come to be thankful. There are unfortunately signs that both in the United States and in England the present murky atmosphere is beginning to clear, but the omen display some considerable differences. While Mr. ROOSEVELT does not hesitate to tell unwelcome truths in the full confidence that the nation will one day back him up, an English Prime Minister appears venting his spleen because a country, returning after its late orgies of socialism and disorder has thrown out all his reactionary schemes. In view of the fact that the country, everywhere that it has had the opportunity to declare its opinion, has pronounced against these revolutionary measures, the present persistence in keeping up an unwholesome agitation is inexplicable, except on the supposition that they are to be taken as councils of despair, and deliberately meant, so far as possible, to initiate a contest of classes. Both are, however, suggestive as seeming to indicate a general movement towards a return to wise councils on both sides of the Atlantic, after the political insanities of the last thirty years.

No communicable diseases were reported in Hongkong last week.

The C.N.S. Tsinan, according to a telegram dated December 16th from Tokyo to the N.C. Daily News, caught fire on her way to Yokohama, but was able to regain Kobe in safety.

A great conflagration took place at Soochow outside of the Chwang Men gate on December 15th, when the Ching Lieu Kwoh, a well-known tea house, and more than a dozen new buildings were burnt to ashes.

Mr. W. T. Gracey, American Consul, at Tsingtao, accompanied by Mrs. Gracey, arrived in Shanghai by the P. & O. S. Delta. Mr. and Mrs. Gracey have been in America and Europe for the past eight months.

The court martial of Lieutenant Frank Evans, son of "Fighting Bob," the hero of the American Navy, resulted in the young officer being found guilty on a majority of the counts against him. He was sentenced to a loss of 150 numbers—in other words set back for four years.

At the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday the Hon. Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N., Marine Magistrate, fined the masters of two unlicensed junks, \$5 each for failing to carry masthead lights between sunset and sunrise while under way in the harbour.

From the Broad Arrow we learn that Commodore Lyon has been appointed a Naval A.D.C. to His Majesty the King in place of Captain E. J. Ware Slade, M.V.O., promoted to flag rank. We extend our congratulations to the new commodore of the Naval Yard in Hongkong.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 20th December, 1908, shows that of non-Chinese there were 312 to the Library and 164 to the Museum and Chinese 158 to the former and 1,926 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 469 persons and the Museum by 2,090.

It is stated that the Chinese Government is in hopes of making a start with the re-organization of the navy. I have been arranged that the Board of Finance will be requested to raise ten million taels for the building of dockyards and purchasing of warships and the Provinces to defray the annual expenses.

In view of the promulgation of a Constitution for China the Government has proposed to fix the annual allowance to the Emperor and instructed the Ministers accredited to the foreign countries to enquire into, and report upon, the law relating to the matter in those countries respectively. The Minister to Japan has already reported by telegram.

No fewer than six police officers were sworn in Saturday for an additional five years' service. Inspector Withers, who has been over 20 years in the force, signed on for his fifth term of five years, Inspectors McHardy and Fenton for their fourth period, and Det. Sgt. Terrett, Sgt. Kent, and Sgt. Garrod, for their third term. Sgt. James Watt was sworn in a few days ago and entered on his third term.

Major-General W. P. Duvall has been selected to succeed Major-General John F. Weston in command of the troops in the Philippines. General Duvall is assistant chief of staff and in that position probably will be succeeded by General Thomas H. Barry, now in command of the American Army in Cuba. General Weston left the Philippines for home on December 15th and turned over the command to General Tasker H. Bliss, pending General Duvall's arrival.

The Decan of the Diplomatic Corps at Shanghai has forwarded to the Wai Wu-pu a resolution passed by the foreign merchants in Shanghai that the unrestricted and unregulated issue of bank notes by the Chinese bankers constitutes a serious danger to financial security and that if the Chinese Government would not guarantee the payment of these notes it should at least regulate its issue. The Grand Council and the President of the Board of Finance have had a discussion on the question and have come to the decision that the provisions in the new Banking Law relating to bank notes and orders should remain as they are, but that steps should be taken to prevent the unauthorized issue of bank notes.

TELEGRAMS.

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FIGHTING IN PERSIA.

LONDON, December 21st.
The Shah's troops have been defeated, and 2,000 casualties are reported.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY HONOURS SIR ROBERT HART.

LONDON, December 21st.
Dublin University has conferred upon Sir Robert Hart the degree of LL. D.

PORTUGAL.

LONDON, December 21st.
The Portuguese Cabinet has resigned.

THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL.

There was another large attendance at the Theatre Royal last night when the Bandman Comedy Co. staged that romantic comedy, by Baroness Orczy and M. Barstow, "The Scarlet Pimpernel." Mr. Douglas Vigors shone in the title role, while Miss Florence Hamer came up to expectations as the Lady Blakeney, and the other members of the Company gave that operation which is necessary to establish success.

THE NEW TERRITORY TRAGEDY.

Yesterday we reported that a man had been found dead in a marsh near Shatin under circumstances which pointed to murder. It now transpires that the deceased and another Indian occupied this marsh, and they were surprised asleep in bed on Friday night by a band of men, about ten in number, entering the marsh. The intruders threw blanched over the sleeping man but the nature of the attack which followed is not clear. At any rate when they decamped with \$250 belonging to one of their victims it was found that one man was dead and the other wounded. It is suspected that the assailants were railway employees, and as the result of police vigilance, seven men suspected of complicity in the affair have been arrested.

THE KOWLOON DOCK A.D.C.

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Following is the cast for "The Silver King," which the Kowloon Dock A.D.C. intend producing on Saturday, January 8th, and Monday, January 11th.—
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Daniel Jackson "An old servant of the Devon" Mr. J. Mansfield
Sam Baxter "A Detective" Mr. D. Keith
Geoffrey Ware "An Engineer" Mr. S. Gray
Jubb "Landlord & Hashem" Mr. G. Beck
Bilker "A Parish Clerk" Mr. G. White
Frank Selwyn "Secretary to Mr. John Franklin" Mr. W. Brown
Gaffer Pottle "A Painter" Mr. D. Brown
Newsboy Mr. R. Stubbs
Nelly Denver "Denver's Wife" Mrs. R. H. Baxter
Olive "Skinner's Wife" Mrs. G. White
Ishita Durden Mrs. J. Punchard
Siisy "Wat-ros at the Chequer" Mrs. E. Parker
Cissy Denyer "Edith Celia" Mr. J. Land
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A STUDY IN NATURE.

A French savant has drawn a striking object lesson from the lower order of creation, which he says, might teach his countrymen something in regard to their suicidal policy which appears in the registrar's return of population. His investigations show that the leech and the spider produce 107 eggs, the fly 144, the frog 1,000, the shrimp 5,000, the common worm 10,000, and the mosquito 50,000. Flies are equally prolific; the perch of 100 grams gives 9,943 eggs, the smelt of centimetres produces 23,111, the herring 35,000, the carp 342,000, the tench 383,000, the sole 1,000,000, the plaice 1,537,000, the roach 1,130,000, the sturgeon 3,000,000, and the cod 9,000,000. The lobster, although it walks backwards, does not lag behind, and according to some observers, produces 12,900 eggs, while others put the number at 21,000. A Paris contemporary, from which we take the following, asks it because these species are not troubled with the feminism problem that they comport themselves so much better in matters of population?

The Hon. Judge L. R. Wilfley is expected to leave Shanghai for America to-day by the steamer Mauchuria.

A fire occurred at a rattan shop in Sai Wo Lane, West Point, shortly before eight o'clock last night. The Fire Brigade turned out promptly and had the fire well under control within an hour.

An Edict renders it the duty of the district magistrates to prevent in future all "squeezes" of the people by the lower officials and the gentry. It explains that since these very district magistrates are in the best position to gain a clear view of the profession which everyone follows and how much he can earn thereby, they are able to proceed against anyone attempting to make money by illegal means.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

There was a large attendance at St. Joseph's College yesterday afternoon when His Excellency the Governor presided at the annual prize distribution. The social hall was tastefully decorated with flags. The Governor was accompanied by Captain Simson, A.D.C., and Mr. A. J. Brackenbury, Private Secretary. Among others present were the Rev. Bishop Pozoni, Consul-General Leiria, Rev. E. Barnett, Rev. Father Spada and Madame Broccoli.

Brother CHRISTIAN then read the report as follows:—Before laying before Your Excellency the report for the year, I wish to express the regret all in the College felt at the removal of Brother Sylvester, my predecessor. He was called by his superior to Colombia last March. While here he endeared himself to all. The duty however of replacing him was made comparatively easy, through the excellent spirit he had fostered, while in the College. The attendance during the year averaged 336.94, while the number on the roll at present is 430. I must compliment many of our boys on the efforts they make to come to school every day. There are some parents however who are rather careless in insisting on the regular attendance of their sons. Boys who are irregular are a hindrance to the general progress of their class. Besides they cannot be trained in those important habits, which make the successful student or businessman, punctuality and perseverance.

The conduct of the boys in general is all that could be desired. In their dealings both with their teachers, and their companions, they always behave like young gentlemen. In this respect the boarders deserve special commendation.

The weekly reports still continue to be an excellent stimulus to our boys. Many parents take great interest in them, and sign them regularly. These, and the monthly examinations give an ample opportunity for constant and thorough work. I beg to remind those parents who are careless about signing the reports, that we expect them to aid in the education of their children in this way.

Every means should be taken to encourage regular daily work.

The special subjects taught in the College continue to make steady progress. In the shorthand examinations which were held under the management of the local shorthand committee we obtained the following results: Nine boys got 3rd grade certificates; six obtained 2nd grade certificates and three obtained 1st class certificates. C. Sequira and F. Ozorio were awarded 1st class certificates for 100 words per minute in addition to a full certificate of proficiency. E. Marques also obtained a full certificate of proficiency and a 1st class certificate for 80 words a minute. At present about 30 boys follow the shorthand and typewriting classes. Our last Oxford results were very encouraging. Six seniors were presented for the examination and all passed. F. Lopez getting distinction in Spanish. Twelve juniors sat for the examination and nine passed. J. Thaa and E. Marques getting distinction in religious knowledge. Sixteen preliminary boys were presented and all passed; the total number of passes being 31. Ten of our boys entered for the local shield competition in hygiene, but we have not yet received the result. As a means of encouraging the study of English we tried an elocutionary contest for a gold medal this year. I must say the boys took much interest in it. In fact their efforts were much appreciated by a large audience of kind friends and patrons. A special word of thanks is due to the judges—Mr. A. P. Wilder, Consul-General for U. S. A.; Mr. J. J. Leiria, Consul-General for Portugal and Brazil; and Mr. G. T. Lloyd, Consul-General for Chile. Mr. J. R. M. Smith, manager Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Mr. Percy Smith, Mr. H. Trung, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Francisco Tee Yat, Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Mr. J. Machado, Mr. Ellis Kadoorie, Catholic Union for their grant of \$25 for the best paper in Religion, Knowledge, Mr. Beliois for the scholarship of \$25 for the best paper in English, Mr. Shing Kee and Mr. S. Kingbury.

The following were awarded Oxford certificates of the grades mentioned:

Preliminary—D. Rosario, M. Gochuico, L. Goethers, L. Rabat, H. Barrengonga, V. Gutierrez, R. Baptista, A. Silberman, G. Gardner, F. Gokee, Cheung Kai, J. Rodrigues, T. Carvalho, R. Lin, V. Ivanovich, Yau Loy.

Junior—P. Prevest, J. Thaa, (distinction religious knowledge), M. Biard, J. Silva, I. Mayer, J. Ascensio, R. Elias, F. Tavares, E. Marques (distinction religious knowledge).

Senior—C. Sequeira, F. Lopez, (distinction Spanish), H. Basto, P. O'Brien, J. Ezra M. Sternberg.

His EXCELLENCE, who on rising was received with cheers, said—My Lord Bishop, Reverend Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen: When I had the pleasure and privilege last year of distributing the prizes here I was able to congratulate the masters and the boys on a very distinct and marked progress. I am very glad to be able to say this year that I can congratulate you on an even more marked progress than last year, both in attendance and in the results of the Oxford Local Examinations.

The average daily attendance last year was 239; this year it is 337, which is a very creditable proportion of the total maximum enrolment.

In the

the school has suffered a great loss in the transfer of its director, the Reverend Sylvester, to Ceylon, but I am quite confident that the Reverend Christian, who succeeds him, will maintain the standards set by his predecessor to whom the efficiency of the school is due, and that he will be equally loved and respected as the Reverend Sylvester was (applause). I come here this afternoon to present the prizes, and not to preach a sermon to the boys, but I want to say one or two words of advice. They shall be very brief, and since they are brief I hope you will bear them in mind. I do not forget that this school is primarily a school for the sons of European parents. I am very glad to hear from the director and the Inspector of Schools that the Chinese section is such a success, but still the school is primarily one for the sons of European parents. You all know, boys, that the people of the great Empire of China are now learning to value Western knowledge, and that their sons are going to Europe and America to acquire this, and that many of them are going to schools such as this in Hongkong. They will there mix with European boys and they will learn not only from books, but will learn still more from their associates in the playground and in the class room. Now, I want you to set to them a good example of what a European boy should be. You should teach them and let them see that we in the West do not tolerate what is mean and what is sneaking, so that when they go back to their own country they can carry with them the high idea of the standard of European boys. Every boy in this school, however young, exerts some influence, and I want you to see that it is an influence for good. That is the only word I have to say to you. It will now be my pleasure to distribute the prizes which I see on the table here, and in conclusion I wish you all very happy holidays and a real good time before you come back to school at the beginning of next year (applause).

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Pozzoni, representing the Catholics of Hongkong, thanked his Excellency very sincerely for the interest he had taken in St. Joseph's College. Such interest was certainly a great encouragement both to teachers and pupils. They were notably encouraged by his Excellency's presence, but also received the kind words of advice which his Excellency never failed to give. They were all pleased to know that St. Joseph's College held such an important place among the educational establishments of Hongkong, and there was no doubt that the work it accomplished during the past year really deserved commendation (applause).

The speaker concluded by again thanking his Excellency and wishing the brothers and pupils all success during the coming year.

The GOVERNOR then distributed the prizes, after which the pupils staged a drama in two acts by Cardinal Wiseman. The success of a play is gauged by the reception of the audience, and as "The Hidden Gem" was received with great applause there can be nothing but a flattering result to record on behalf of the boys of St. Joseph's. The cast was as under:

Euphemians, A Roman Patriotic J. M. Lopes Alexius, under the name Ignatius, his son P. Prevost
Carinus, a boy his nephew J. J. Thain
Proculus, his Freedman and Steward H. Barrenhang
Eusebius, freed after J. B. Kuyen
Act 1 Bibulus, J. M. Tavares
Davis, J. G. S. Silva
Urasius, R. D. Baptista
Verna, R. F. Luis
Gannio, a beggar J. M. Rodrigues
An Imperial Chamberlain I. Mayer
An Officer J. Asenzo

Scene on the Aventine Hill in Rome, partly outside, partly in the court or Atrium of Euphemius' house, in the Reign of Honorus, and the Pontificate of Innocent I.

THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY OF BOMBAY.

[SPECIALLY WRITTEN FOR "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

After three successive years of great prosperity the textile industry in India and the world over has this year witnessed an abnormal depression causing no little anxiety to manufacturers and traders concerned. Amongst them India had its full share of the depression and it is proposed in this review to deal with a few facts and figures relative to the cotton mill industry of one of our most valuable dependencies, more especially the trade in Bombay. Cotton yarn has contributed its mite to the growth and prosperity of our rising colony and is considered with us second in importance and value to that of opium.

The first mention of the trade is to be found in the year 1674 when sales of 2,243 bales in the local market were recorded. In 1675 sales increased to 2,715 bales. In 1676 importations from Bombay of 17,593 bales and of sales in Hongkong of 5,809 bales are recorded. In the space of four years importations and sales increased to 60,265 and 39,052 bales respectively.

From 1680 the trade would appear to have advanced with rapid strides and in 1680 receipts aggregated 209,869 and sales 157,33 bales. In 1682 the climax was reached when supplies totalled 237,559 bales, and 219,189 bales passed into consumption. The year 1684 was a period of great disaster to the trade when imports fell of about 30,000 and sales rose upon 50,000 bales, consequent on the closing of the mint to the free coinage of silver by the Indian Government. In the middle of the year exchange at once dropped down from Rs. 217 to Rs. 195 per \$100, or 22 pence. There were at the time about 70,000 bales of undrawn yarn in Hongkong and Kowloon Godowns, and calculating the decline in exchange at the 15 per cent of an average value of \$70, the depreciation in value alone mounts up to over 10 lakhs of Rupees. In the year 1684 plague made its first appearance in Hongkong and less yarn went into consumption. Subsequently as exchange settled down, trade again resumed its elasticity, and despite plague and famine prevailing all over India, importations during

1699 reached the high, if not the highest figure, of 315,310 bales, and sales amounted to 203,618 bales. In 1700, however, there was another temporary check to business. The failure of the Monsoon and consequent scarcity of the raw material necessitated the closing of the weaker mills and the general adoption of short time is Bombay. In October 1699. Receipts then fell off from 315,310 to 151,610, and sales from 203,618 to 152,277 bales. Since 1700 trade once more advanced with rapid strides and at the close of 1705 imports to the extent of 338,696 were recorded during the 12 months, the highest figure in the annals of the trade. The Russo-Japanese war had then ended and in anticipation of the opening of Manchuria the Far Eastern markets were inundated with Yarn. We in Hongkong received nearly 54 lakhs of bales and Shanghai about the same quantity thus making up the amount to close upon 7 lakhs of bales in 12 months. Some how or other, thanks to the efforts of our noble allies, these anticipations were not realized, and in the absence of any adequate response from the consuming districts, this abnormal influx of goods told disastrously on the market during 1706. At the end of that year 11 out of 15 native yarn dealers Hongkong collapsed with liabilities estimated at 3 millions of dollars and subsequently two Indian firms had to step pay with liabilities estimated at over 60 lakhs of Rupees. Last year the trade increased in volume, but was on the whole unremunerative to importers. No better can be said of the working of the past 12 months for, although receipts and sales show a substantial increase, the efforts to adjust yarn prices to the lower level of exchange during the past two years, have rendered business most unsatisfactory and unremunerative.

At the beginning of the year there were in Bombay Island 90 Mills, working 26 lakhs of spindles and 32,000 looms. The earnings of these 90 mills during the last three years have been as under, viz:-

In 1905 Rupees 33 crores, including Rupees 48 lakhs commission.

In 1906 Rupees 3 crores, 14 lakhs, including Rupees 47 lakhs commission.

In 1907 Rupees 1 crore 95 lakhs, including Rupees 35 lakhs Commission.

In 1908 the earnings are anticipated at 14 crores.

These handsome profits have gone a long way in strengthening the machinery and financial reserves of many of the good mills. Apart from this consideration of profits the Swadeshi movement and the expansion of the home market has been given a great impetus to weaving, and the weaving of better cloth—The spindle power of Bombay during the last decade has increased by 20 per cent, whereas the loom power has increased by 50 per cent. The mills are now turning out cloth which would have been considered quite beyond their capacity a few years ago. The cloth turned out in 1906 weighed-measured 3,447 yards per pound, in 1907 it measured 4,271. So that it will be seen that there has been more weaving than spinning in these mills lately. And the Bombay spinners have now obtained a firm footing in Arabia, East Africa, and the Levant, not to mention the home demand with its weaving mills and the numerous hand-looms scattered over the country. The yarn has been recently placed successfully on the Manchester market and if the Indian spinners meet the wishes of and satisfy the requirements of the English buyer by guaranteeing quality and strength another rich and large market would be secured for their production. In short the Indian spinners are not now solely dependent on the Far Eastern markets, and to quote the words of an Anglo-Indian paper "whatever may be the trouble of Lancashire and whatever may be the state of the yarn trade and yarn markets in the Far East, the prosperity of our textile industry is more or less secured."

These statistics given below may not be positively correct for Hongkong being a free port prevents any sort of official check or record, but they are taken from reliable sources and the totals are all from our own kept fortnightly figures, and it is reasonable to assume that they are not more out one fortnight than another and that consequently the figures may be taken as approximately correct:-

Year Sales Arrivals Year Sales Arrivals

1674... 2,243 1691... 161,504 218,735

1675... 2,715 1692... 219,189 237,559

1676... 5,809 1693... 171,491 207,935

1677... 16,000 1694... 169,117 237,250

1678... 24,455 1695... 213,634 257,803

1679... 40,548 1696... 215,375 256,367

1680... 39,052 1697... 187,948 279,482

1681... 54,813 1698... 221,144 308,978

1682... 75,565 1699... 203,618 315,310

1683... 89,389 1700... 190,150 277,151,610

1684... 124,450 1701... 197,992 298,885

1685... 147,894 1702... 185,213 288,418

1686... 169,074 1703... 193,168,892 291,759

1687... 182,152 1704... 146,633 219,605

1688... 182,196 1705... 147,617 338,696

1689... 194,041 1706... 81,818 269,859

1690... 187,330 1707... 137,618 146,395

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 21st at 11.30 a.m.—The barometer has risen over E. Japan, and fallen elsewhere particularly over N. China.

A depression, which is probably moving Eastward, has developed over the Lower Yangtze, and the highest pressure is now shown over S. Japan.

The monsoon will moderate in the Formosa Channel, but continue to blow strongly over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.05 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:-

N.E. and E. Hongkong & Neighbourhood. { winds, fresh to moderate; fair.

Formosa Channel..... Same as No. 1.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Lantau. { Same as No. 1.

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LOCAL SPORT.

BASEBALLERS AT CRICKET.

On the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday the Ranch All-American Baseball team tried conclusions with a Hongkong eleven at the royal game of cricket, a game to which they were comparatively strangers. At the Valley on Saturday they had a soft thing with local baseballers, but yesterday they struck "tough proposition" in a Hongkong cricket eleven. A few local trundlers gladly lent their assistance to the visitors, and gave them a few points in the national game of Britain. In all fairness it must be admitted that the Americans took on a game to which they were comparatively new chums, but there is no denying the fact that when they got on to ball they shifted it "some." Local trundlers who sent up deliveries to give the visitors a chance, were somewhat surprised to see the ball sounding to boundary, but soon learned the fact that when a baseballer lifts the leather it travels. The visitors, as they say in Manila, "cracked the ball" "pretty considerable," but the local men appeared to have rather battery fingers. The baseballers went in first, but did not stay long, the wicket of the last man falling for a total of 38. Then the local team went to the wicket and the innings was declared when six wickets had fallen and the total was 139. The All-Americans then went in for a second turn, and during the innings there was some "pretty tall" hitting, many boundaries being registered, and the innings closing with a total of 121 runs. Hongkong did not bat a second time, and the match ended in a drawn game. Scores and analyses follow:-

1ST INNINGS, ALL AMERICANS.

W. Devereaux, c sub b Liepmann	2		
G. Hildebrand, c Pearce, b Baird	1		
J. Dolpham, b Liepmann	6		
H. Heitmueller, c Pearce, b Baird	0		
B. Danzig, b Liepmann	6		
H. MacArchie, c Young, b Baird	2		
N. Williams, b Liepmann	0		
J. Hill, c Pearce, b Baird	10		
A. J. W. Peake, b Baird	0		
L. Lamont, b Liepmann	4		
H. A. Haslett, not out	4		
Extras	4		
Total	38		

2ND INNINGS, ALL AMERICANS.

O. Baird, c Day, b Young	50		
G. Hildebrand, c Pearce, b Houghton	9		
J. Dolpham, b Liepmann	0		
H. Heitmueller, c Pearce, b Baird	1		
B. Danzig, b Liepmann	1		
H. MacArchie, c Young, b Baird	0		
N. Williams, b Liepmann	0		
J. Hill, c Pearce, b Baird	1		
A. J. W. Peake, b Baird	0		
L. Lamont, b Liepmann	0		
H. A. Haslett, not out	4		
Extras	4		
Total	120		

TOTAL SIX WICKETS FOR 130.

SECOND INNINGS, ALL AMERICANS.			
Dolpham, c Day, b Young	50		
Devereaux, c and b Houghton	9		
Hildebrand, c Liepmann, b Houghton	0		
MacArchie, c Pearce, b Houghton	1		
Heitmueller, c Pearce, b Baird	1		
Danzig, b Houghton	1		
Hill, c Pearce, b Baird	1		
Young, b Houghton	0		
Peake, not out	2		
Extras	4		
Total	121		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1908. [1682]

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[1685]

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E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1908. [1686]

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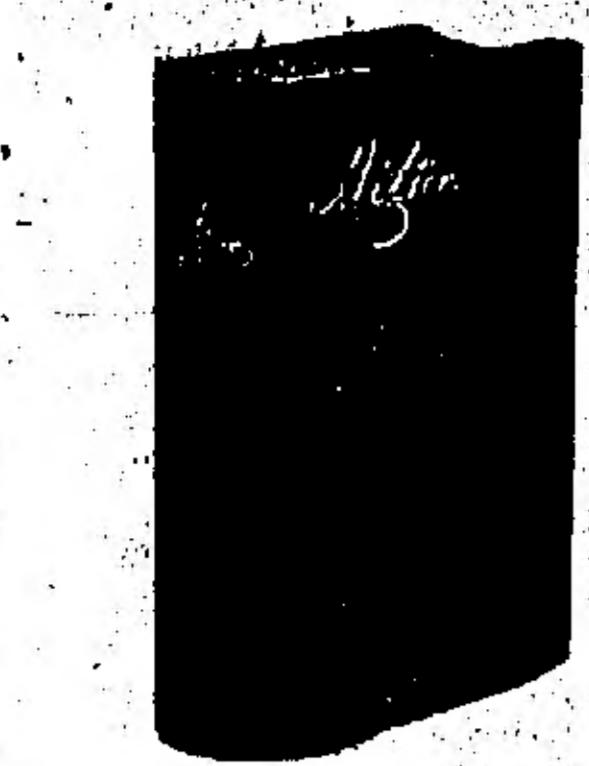
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SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

WELDING BY GAS—PROTECTION OF DRINKING WATER—BATHING IN OXYGEN—SLICING OFF THE HILLS—WASHABLE WALL-PAPER COATING—MANUFACTURED BUTTER—WEAVERING LUBRICATION—A LOST ART RECOVERED.

In the Schaeffoxy-gas welding process is used a special burner, in which a blast of air at a pressure of 12 pounds per square inch is combined with coal gas, and which has a second blast from which, air at 30 to 50 pounds per square inch can be turned on when the flame has been regulated. The combination at once raises the heat to about 4500 deg. F. In this hot flame metals are welded with remarkable facility, and pieces of cast-iron joined together prove to be stronger at the joint than on either side of it. Why a gas flame with two blasts of unequal velocity should have the observed effects on metals is not yet explained. In place of coal gas, acetylene, naphtha and hydrogen have given equally good results, and natural and producer gas would probably serve quite as well.

Champagne.—The cryptogamic maladies, and particularly the mildew which this year has made great ravages in the Champagne vineyards, have resulted in the destruction of the vintage, which may therefore be put down as nil, there is, however, abundance of supplies of the 1904 and 1905 vintages on the market.

Sauvignon.—The year has not proved a very successful one, either in quality or quantity, and will not be quoted by shippers as a vintage, the spring frost materially checked the proper development of the vines and the yield has proved disappointing.

Cognac.—The abnormal weather conditions which reigned during the spring and the first part of the summer considerably reduced the number of grapes, but the later warm weather had a very favourable influence on the crop, and although the quantity is very small, inferior to half of an ordinary crop, the quality is most excellent.

Baths of oxygen, in which the patient half reclines for 10 to 25 minutes, are being employed by Dr. Oskar Frankl, a German physician, for female nervous troubles associated with increased pulse tension. From 25 to 30 quarts of oxygen are generated each time. The baths reduce the excessive blood pressure and exert a sedative action, each bath having been followed by quiet sleep in a severe case of sleeplessness.

The novel process of "lifting" in granite quarrying seems to have effected a considerable revolution in an ancient industry, greatly reducing work and expense. In some localities, like Mt. Airy in North Carolina, large masses of rock are solid and homogeneous, practically free from joint cracks and bedding planes, and can be split readily in a straight line in any direction. At such places it is practicable to separate immense horizontal sheets, several acres in extent and of any desired thickness, to be drilled and split subsequently into the required sizes. A hole is first drilled to a depth corresponding to the thickness wanted—say, six or eight feet and a pocket is formed at the bottom by exploding a little dynamite, after which successive and increasing charges of powder are used to start a horizontal crack and extend it 75 or 100 feet in all directions. Compressed air, at a pressure of 70 to 80 pounds, is then forced into the hole, enlarging the crack further until it becomes visible on the hillside. At the Mt. Airy quarries, two water-tube boilers, each of 210 horse-power, furnish steam for the compressor, which can deliver 2,000 cubic feet of air per minute through the six-inch pipes, driving the pneumatic tools as well as "lifting" the sheets of granite.

A mixture of sulphuric ether, denatured alcohol, benzene, gutta percha, glycerine and amyl acetate is used by H. Dugour, of Paris, for impregnating cloth, paper, wood, etc., and is claimed to strengthen and preserve the materials in addition to making them waterproof and washable. For washable wall coverings the composition is mixed with an adhesive mordant and powdered pigment before applying to the paper.

Sherry.—The yield may be considered satisfactory as regards quantity, and the result may be estimated at an increase of 33 per cent on last year's crop. The "musts" are in most cases less rich in Saccharine than past years, and the vintage will develop into light fino wines, rather than full bodied sherries.

Spanish Port or "Tarragona"—An exceptionally cold spring retarded the growth of the vines, but the warm summer weather prevented any great damage, and though the quantity of the yield is distinctly less than that of last year, this is amply compensated for by the excellence of the quality.

SPAIN.—The vintage this year, though excellent in quality, is rather deficient in quantity.

Marsala.—Owing to the lack of rain the grapes did not ripen properly, and it is calculated that the production of wine will be quite one-third less than last year, the quality being but moderate.

ITALY.—The weather throughout Italy during the year has been fine and favourable to the vines, and there being an absence of disease of any kind, the result has been both good as regards quality and quantity.

The artificial butter of A. M. Sorensen, of Helsingør, Denmark, is made by stirring coconut fat with a little salt and sugar at about 20 degrees C., then cooling and kneading, with milk containing lactic acid bacteria, yolk of egg, and a colouring substance.

The immersion in oil of the working parts of machinery has produced quite remarkable results. W. Worby Beaumont, at the recent meeting of the British Association, pointed out that, since the advent of the motor car, the size of gearwheels has been reduced to one-tenth of that formerly considered necessary to transmit the power, and there has been extraordinary increase in endurance. While the special materials used are entitled to some credit, the bath lubrication has been the chief agent in improvement. The oil film taken up actually prevents two teeth from coming in contact, and cars taken to pieces after running 150,000 miles have shown not a working part touched, the teeth being no more worn than if they had been used but five minutes. The new method has been equally effective on other parts besides the gears.

The new glaze of Karl Fischer, of Salzburg, Upper Bavaria, is claimed to reproduce the beautiful velvety gloss which has made notable certain Roman ware. It has been supposed that the ancient workmen used a fusible glass containing lead, borax acid, silica, etc., but experiments with those materials have given no satisfactory results. A clay sludge is applied by Mr. Fischer to the ware after the first baking. The surface is polished, the ware being then fired, and the long-sought gloss is brought out. Interesting work with the new process will be done at the German emperor's private pottery.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
 C. DIEDERICHSEN, German str., 774, Kayser, 21st Dec.—Haihung and Hoilow 19th Dec.; General—Johnson & Co.
 CHINKIANG, British str., 1,228; W. Kay, 21st Dec.—Dahy via Chafu 15th Dec., Bean cake etc.—Butterfield & Swire.
 CHIYU MALU, Japanese str., 7,250, W. W. Greene, 21st Dec.—Yokohama 16th Dec., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
 DEVAWONGE, German str., 1,051, Brum, 21st Dec.—Bangkok 10th and Hoilow 19th Dec., Rice and Teak—Butterfield & Swire.
 DUMBEA, French str., 3,219, F. Boyer, 21st Dec.—Yokohama 11th December, General—Messageries Maritimes.
 HSIN FUNG, Chinese str., 1,568, H. Mekinson, 21st Dec.—Taku 15th and Chefoo 16th Dec., General—Chinese.
 JACOB DIEDERICHSEN, Got. str., 623, Hansen, 21st Dec.—Swatow 20th Dec., General—Johnson & Co.
 KIANGHUNG, Chinese str., 21st Dec.—Canton.
 KUMANO MARU, Jap. str., 1,417, N. Matheson, 21st Dec.—Melbourne 25th Nov., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
 KWANGLEE, Chinese str., 1,427, R. Lincoln, 21st Dec.—Shanghai 18th Dec., General—C. M. S. N. Co.
 PUSITA, Italian cruiser, 21st Dec.—Shanghai 18th Dec.
 SHINGSU MARU, Japanese str., 2,163, Osakatsu, 21st Dec.—Motoj 15th Dec., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.
 SUNDIA, British str., 2,986, G. M. Montford, 21st Dec.—London 7th Nov., General—P. & O. S. N. Co.
 SUNGXIAN, British str., 896, Pennefather, 21st Dec.—Iloilo 16th December, Hemp and Sugar—Butterfield & Swire.
 WAKANA MARU, Jap. str., 9,884, M. Nielson, 21st Dec.—Yokohama via ports 9th Dec., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
 YUENGSHU, British steamer, 1,123, P. H. Rolfe, 21st Dec.—Maula 18th Dec., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES.
 AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
 21st December.

Chenian, British str., for Shanghai.
 Dunbec, French str., for Europe.
 Fukien Maru, Jap. str., for Moji.
 Hainching, British str., for Swatow.
 Hilary, German str., for Hongay.
 Hongkong Maru, Jap. str., for Yokohama.
 J. Diederichsen, German str., for Hoilow.
 Yeterof Maru, Jap. str., for Kobe.

DEPARTURES.

21st December.
 CALHAS, British str., for Haiphong.
 SIGNAL, German str., for Haiphong.
 TAISEUN, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
 YATSHING, British str., for Shanghai.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
 The British str. *Chinkiang* reports: Strong N.E. gale with high sea.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

December 21st.
 ABERDEEN DOCK.—*Suzmen*.
 KOWLOON DOCK.—H.M.S. *Virago*, *Hinsang*, *Hilary*, H.M.S. *Alacrity*, *Prinz Waldemar*, Protector, *Holopolis*.
 COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—*Daijin Maru*, *Nam-sing*.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE.
 (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT MALABAR COAST).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR NEW YORK.
 S.S. "LENNON" On 22nd Dec.
 S.S. "SIKH" On 26th Dec.
 FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK.
 S.S. "MUNCASTER CASTLE" On 19th Jan., 09.
 For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents.
 Hongkong, 19th December, 1908. [1298]



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STEAM FOR PIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT), Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID. (Taking cargo at through routes to the Brazils to PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS).
 THE Company's Steamship.

"E. FRANZ FERDINAND." Captain Nitzeboe, will be despatched as above on or about 24th December.

This Steamer has cabin accommodation for passengers, electric light and carries a doctor.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.
 Princes Buildings.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1908. [3]

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamer.

"ÄRAATOON APCAR," Captain A. Stewart, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 28th inst., at NOON.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for passengers, is installed throughout with Electric Light and carries a duly certified doctor.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1908. [1677]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

For LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamer.

"GLENEARN," Captain Haughton, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 6th January, 1909.

For Freight, apply to

MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1908. [1678]

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k," nearest Hongkong "h" midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Stake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & CO.	BERTH*	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLIED TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SICILIA	Brit. str.	—	C. W. Watkins, B.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 20th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP.	DELTA	Brit. str.	—	B. W. H. Snow	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 25th inst. at Noon.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	GLENNAIRN	Brit. str.	—	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 6th Jan.
HANSE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	DEN OF OGIL	Ger. str.	k. w.	Döhring	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 5th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Lüning	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 27th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ISTRIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Pors Line	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 11th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	BARCELONA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 25th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	C. F. FEED	Ger. str.	k. w.	Peter	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 29th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Boyer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 22nd Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Boyer	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 27th Feb.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	DUMBEA	Fr. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	To-day, at 1 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SIAM	Fr. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	Beginning of January.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	MACHEDONIA	Fr. str.	—	C. D. Bennett, B.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 20th March.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	HIRANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	B. W. H. Snow	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst. at D'light
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	WAKASA MARU	Jap. str.	—	N. Nielson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at D'light
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SADO MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Formes	MELCHERS & CO.	On 6th Jan. at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	BUELOW	Brit. str.	—	G. Bott	MELCHERS & CO.	On 10th March.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	PRINZ ALICE	Ger. str.	—	—	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	About 24th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	E. F. FERDINAND	Aut. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	To-day.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	LENNOX	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 26th Inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SIEKH	Brit. str.	—	Williams	JADEINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.	On 5th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	INDRAWADI	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 19th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	MUNCASTER CASTLE	Brit. str.	—	T. L. Harrison	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 16th Jan. at 7 A.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	EMPEROR	Brit. str.	—	K. Kaware	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd March, at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. Boyd	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 5th Jan. at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SANKEI MARU	Jap. str.	—	L. Dawson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	KUMANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day, at 4 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	TIKINI	Dut. str.	—	F. Iske	MELCHERS & CO.	On 24th inst. at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	P. T. Holmes	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 31st inst. at 5 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	N. Matheson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 7th Jan. at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ASABYE	Brit. str.	—	K. Homma	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 22nd Jan. at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	CHONGMING	Brit. str.	—	N. Matheson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 26th inst. at D'light
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	FOOSHUNG	Brit. str.	—	H. Koops	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINER	To-morrow, at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ARATAOON APCAR	Brit. str.	—	Charbonnel	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	Quick despatch.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	P. E. FERDINAND	Ger. str.	—	K. Sato	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	About 21st inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	FOOKSANG	Brit. str.	—	Y. Fusco	OSSA SHOEN KAISHA	To-day.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	VEDDJU	Dan. str.	—	G. M. Montford, B.N.R.	JADEINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.	To-morrow, at 8 A.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ALDUSLIA	Brit. str.	—	C. L. Daniel	JADEINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.	On 24th inst. at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	HANGLAI YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Brit. str.	—	P. E. F. Friederich	JADEINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.	On 25th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	HANGLAI YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Brit. str.	—	A. Stewart	DAVID SASCOON & CO., LTD.	On 26th inst. at 4 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SHANGHAI	Brit. str.	—	E. Malchow	MELCHERS & CO.	On 28th inst. at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SINGAN	Brit. str.	—	Block	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	About 31st inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	TAMING	Brit. str.	—	Peter	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINER	On 11th Jan. at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	YUNNANO	Brit. str.	—	de Brouwers	JADEINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.	Middle of January.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	EUBI	Brit. str.	—	S. Atsumi	JADEINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.	On 3rd Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	THAN	Brit. str.	—	I. Ijiohi	JADEINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.	On 17th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—	I. Sakurai	JADEINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD.	Quick despatch.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	H. A. Wall	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th inst. at 8 A.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	BORNEO	Ger. str.	—	G. H. Pennefather	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 29th inst. at 4 P.M.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	TAKASAKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	Pasmere	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-day, at noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	DANJIN MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. W. Evans	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	On 25th inst. at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	KIUKI					

POST OFFICE NOTICE

The public are informed that the next outgoing Parcel Mail to Europe will be closed in this office on Christmas Eve Thursday, 24th instant, at 5 p.m.

Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dalmatian and Siberia.

25th December... at 10.00 a.m.

31st December... at 8.30 p.m.

8th January... at 10.00 a.m.

The Tonkin, with the French mail; of the 20th November, left Saigon on Saturday, the 19th inst., at 10 a.m., and may be expected here to-day, at daylight. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 17th October.

The Amoy, with the English mail of the 27th November, left Singapore on Saturday, the 19th inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 24th inst., at 5 p.m. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 27th Oct., and the parcel mail closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 16th November, and for deepsea overland on the 25th of November.

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DATE

Haiphong
Meiji, Kobe, Yokohama, and Portland
Bangkok
Singapore
Tangtau, Nipponki and Vladivostok
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow
Shanghai, Meiji, Kobe, Yokohama, Yoko
hama, Victoria, B.C. Seattle and Wash...

EUROPE, AG. INDIA VIA TUTICORIN
(Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to Noon Extra
Postage 10 cents).
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes
in time for the first clearance will be
incurred in this contract mail)

Macau
Maula
Mauritius, Zanzibar, Port Darwin, Thursday
Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville,
Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston,
New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth
and Fremantle

Amoy and Shanghai
Shanghai, Meiji, Kobe and Yokohama
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta

SHANGHAI
(Will take letters to EUROPE marked
VIA SIBERIA)

Swatow, Amoy and Aping
Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai
Singapore, Penang and Colombo

Haliphong
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Soerabaya and
Macassar

Nagasaki, Kobo and Yokohama

Shanghai, Tangtau, Weihaiwei, Chefoo and
Chingkingian

Macao
Penang and Hangoo

Takao

Durban

Manila, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns,
Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart,
Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne

Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle

Macao
Manila
Amoy, Manila, Cebu and Iloilo
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Manila, Yap, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen,
Kingsborough, Herbertshofen, Matupi,
Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne

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Singapore

FINEST OREGON APPLES

A LARGE SHIPMENT JUST ARRIVED

PER S.S. "NICOMEDIA."

30 CENTS

PER LB.

H. RUTTONJEE & SON.

5, D'AGUILAR STREET, HONGKONG, AND AT KOWLOON.

TO-DAY.

Sale, Sundry Old and Surplus Naval and
Victualling Stores, H.M. Naval Establishment,
Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 10 a.m.
Sale, Old Paintings, City Hall, Mr. Geo. P.
Lammatt, 2.30 p.m.
Sale, Gold & Diamond Jewelry, Sales Rooms,
Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 2.30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE
CLOSING QUOTATION.

December 21st.

ON LONDON.—

Telegraphic Transfer 1.25
Bank Bills, on demand 1.25
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 1.25
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 1.25
Credits, at 4 months' sight 1.25
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight 1.25

ON PARIS.—

Bank Bills, on demand 2.12
Credits, at 4 months' sight 2.12

ON GERMANY.—

No demand 1.72

Bank Bills, on demand 41.5
Credits, at 60 days' sight 42.5

ON BOMBAY.—

Telegraphic Transfer 1.25
Bank, on demand 1.25

ON CALCUTTA.—

Telegraphic Transfer 1.25
Bank, on demand 1.25

ON SHANGHAI.—

Bank, at sight 7.50
Private, 7 days sight 7.50

ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand 5.25

ON MANILA.—On demand Pesos 5.25

ON SINGAPORE.—On demand 1.25

ON BATAVIA.—On demand 10.12

ON HAIPHONG.—On demand 2.75 p.m.

ON SAIGON.—On demand 5.25 p.m.

ON BANGKOK.—On demand 9.00

SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate \$11.70

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael \$61.65

BAZ SILVER, per oz. 22.5

SUBSIDARY COINS.

Quarters, 50 cent pieces, per cent

Chinese 20 cent pieces, 35.10 discount

Chinese 10 " 35.95 "

Hongkong 20 " 34.70 "

Hongkong 10 " 34.80 "

OPIUM.

December 16th.

Quotations are—

Malwa New 1.160 per pound

Malwa Old 1.190 "

Malwa V. Old 1.220 "

Persian fine quality 3.850 "

Persian extra fine 3.950 "

Patawa New 1.095 per chest

Patawa Old 1.120 "

Banaras Old 1.010 "

Banaras Old — "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. str. Tonkin has left Saigon on the

19th inst., and is expected to arrive here

this morning, and will leave for Shanghai

and Japan on the same afternoon at 4 p.m.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. str. Asia with the American Mail

from San Francisco of the 24th ult., sailed from

Yokohama on the 14th inst., and will be due to

arrive in Hongkong (via Manila) on the 24th

inst. THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. str. Assaye left Singapore for

for this port on the 19th inst. at 5 p.m., with the

outward English Mail, and is due here on the

24th inst. at about 5 p.m.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. Prince Sigismund has left

Sydney on Wednesday the 16th inst. at 7 p.m.,

and may be expected here on or about the 6th

prox.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.E.R. str. Empress of Japan left Van-

couver on Thursday the 10th inst., for

Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The A.P.C. str. Ariatlon departs from Calcutta

and left Singapore on the 17th inst. afternoons, and

may be expected here to-morrow.

MECHANICAL STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. str. Nisiko Maru (Australian

Line) left Nagasaki on the 18th inst., and is

expected here to-day.

The Australian Lloyd's str. E. F. Ferdinand

left Shanghai on the 19th inst. a.m., and it due

here to-pm.

The str. Carravanshire left Singapore on

Wednesday the 16th inst., and is due here to-

morrow a.m.

The str. Crayton sailed from Seattle on the

15th inst., for Hongkong via Moji.

The N.Y.K. str. Sanuki Maru (European

Line) left Singapore on the 18th inst., and is

expected here on the 24th inst.

The G.N. str. Minnesota from Seattle has

arrived at Yokohama on Thursday 10th inst.,

and may be expected here on or about 25th

inst. p.m.

The N.Y.K. str. Shitano Maru (American

Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and

Shanghai on the 18th inst., and is expected

here on the 27th inst.

The N.Y.K. str. Hirano Maru (European

Line), left Kobe for this port via Moji and

Shanghai on the 19th instant and is expected